

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 1, 2005. Claims 1, 3 to 5, 7, 10, 12 to 16, 19, 21 to 25 and 28 to 32 are pending in the application, with Claims 6, 8, 17 and 26 having been cancelled, and Claims 28 to 32 having been added. Claims 1, 10 and 19 have been amended, and Claims 1, 10, 19, 28 and 32 are in independent form. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 5, 6, 14, 15, 23 and 24 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claims.

In keeping with the indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 10 and 19 to include the limitations of Claim 6. Consequently, independent Claims 1, 10 and 19 as amended are seen to be in condition for allowance.


In addition, newly-added independent Claims 28 corresponds to Claim 5 rewritten into independent form and to include the limitations of its respective base claim. In a similar manner, newly-added independent Claims 32 is directed to a method.

The other claims in the application are each dependent from the independent claims and are believed to be allowable over the applied references for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 12, 16, 17, 19, 21, 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,430,321 (Choo); and Claims 4, 13 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Choo in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,426,798 (Yeung). The foregoing actions are without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the rejections, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance.

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